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1. HANOI ACCUSES US OF SENDING RECON FLIGHTS OVER NVN TUESDAY IN VIOLATION OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENTS (WP, PHINQ).
2. GVN SPOKESMAN SAYS GIVING NOBEL PEACE PRIZE TO THO LIKE GRANTING CHASTITY AWARD TO PROSTITUTE; UNIDENTIFIED NVN OFFICIAL SAYS THO MAY REJECT PRIZE RATHER THAN SHARE WITH HAK, SINCE HANOI NEVER CONSIDERED CEASEFIRE NEGOTIATIONS A COMPROMISE, BUT RATHER A "GREAT VICTORY" FOR HANOI (PHINQ).
3. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY US WILL ADVANCE ICCS 5.6 MILLION DOLLARS TO AVOID BANKRUPTCY AND KEEP AIR AMERICA FLYING; CREDIT CRUNCH CAUSED BY VC/NVN DISPUTING COST AND SIZE OF ICCS AND FALLING BEHIND IN THEIR PAYMENTS (WP, REUTER, PHINQ). REUTER REPORTS PAYMENT MADE OCT. 18.
4. YOUNG BUDDHIST MONK BURNS SELF TO DEATH IN NHA TRANG, CALLING ON GVN, NVN TO MAKE PEACE; FIRST SELF-IMMOLATION SINCE 1971 (REUTER).
5. FORMER GVN FORNMIN TRAN VAN LAM ELECTED SPEAKER OF SVN SENATE, 45-5 (REUTER).
6. HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED AT SEVERAL POINTS SOUTH OF PP INCLUDING SIEM REAP KANDAL WHERE KI STOP FANK WITH CAPTURED US-SUPPLIED HOWITZER (UPI, NYDN; PHINQ). FANK REPORTS ROUTE 4 TO KOMPONG SOM CUT 2 DAYS AGO 84 MI. FROM PP, REOPENED OCT. 18. MEKONG CONVOY OF 1 FREIGHTER, 2 TANKERS AND 2 AMMO-HAULING TUGS ARRIVES AT PP UNMOLESTED. FANK PUSHES NEAR TAKEO, CLAIMS 5 KI KILLED. KAF T-28S POUND KI POSITIONS 12 MI. SOUTH OF PP (SOK NGUON, REUTER).
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7. SEIDEN (SUN) FROM VIENTIANE TELLS OF QUEST OF 54 RELATIVES FOR INFO ON SOME OF 1300 US MIAS. FRUSTRATED BY WHAT THEY SAY IS FAILURE OF US AND COMMUNISTS TO PROVIDE MORE INFO, THEY CAME TO LAOS IN COMFORTING BUT FUTILE PILGRIMAGE. ONE MEMBER SAYS PL AND PRC REPS REFUSED TO SEE THEM AND NVN REP WAS POLITELY SYMPATHETIC BUT UNHELPFUL, REMINDING THEM THAT NVN LOST ONE MILLION AND HAS MANY BEREAVED FAMILIES. MANY OF GROUP TRAVELED TO REFUGEE CAMPS AND REMOTE VILLAGES BUT FOUND LITTLE INFO AND NO MIAS. DESPITE ADVICE BY US OFFICIALS THAT "WHAT LAOTIANS SAY MIGHT NOT BE RELIABLE", SOME BELIEVE WITNESSES WHO SAID THEY SAW SOME MIAS KILLED IN CRASHES, ETC., AND FEEL WORST FEARS CONFIRMED. GROUP LEAVING SOON FOR LAST TRY TO GET INFO IN THAILAND; MOST STILL UNSURE ABOUT FATE OF KIN AND

PERHAPS LESS HOPEFUL THAN BEFORE.

JAPAN

8. IN HK ON DOS-SPONSORED TOUR, FORMER ADMIN. ECON ADVISER, DR. PIERRE RINFRET, SAYS US EMBARGO ON SOYBEANS WAS DONE LESS TO SOLVE DOMESTIC SHORTAGES THAN TO TEACH JAPAN LESSON IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. RINFRET DECLARES EMBARGO WAS IMPOSED "STRICTLY WITH MALICE," ADDING, IN ADDRESS TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING: "WE WANTED TO SHOW SOMETHING TO THE PEOPLE WHO THOUGHT OUR ECONOMIC STRENGTH WAS LOW, . . . AND FRANKLY, THE JAPANESE HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY COOPERATIVE SINCE." LOOKING INTO FUTURE, RINFRET PREDICTS JAPAN GNP OF 3 TRILLION AT TURN OF CENTURY, PRC 760 BILLION, US 4 TRILLION (ALL IN CURRENT DOLLARS) (JOC'S STRAUSS).

9. US CARRIER MIDWAY LEAVES YOKOSUKA FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION. SPECULATION IS THAT SHIP WILL CRUISE WESTPAC ON STRATEGIC MANEUVERS, EVADING MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR "INTERNATIONAL ANTI-WAR DAY" OCT. 21 (AFP, WP).

10. JUSTICE MINISTER TANAKA SAYS HE HAS REQUESTED UNCLASSIFIED

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AMB. INGERSOLL TO ASK FOR US MEDIATION IN KIM DAE JUNG CASE (WP).

11. IN 2-HOUR MEETING WITH BUSINESSMEN WEDNESDAY, PM TANAKA CALLED FOR ACCELERATED SOVIET-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS ON JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF SIBERIAN RESOURCES; ASKED MAJOR FINANCIAL, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL LEADERS TO MOVE AHEAD IN PRIVATE-LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUSSIANS, AND PLEDGED GOVERNMENT-GUARANTEED LOANS TO BACK THEM UP. WP'S OBERDORFER, IN TOKYO, SAYS PM'S MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT REMARKS BY SENIOR GAIMUSHO OFFICIALS AT BACKGROUND PRESS BRIEFING MADE CLEAR JAPANESE INTENTION TO MOVE AHEAD WITH SIBERIAN PROJECTS. PARTICIPANTS AT MEETING WITH TANAKA SAY BUSINESSMAN'S MISSION PLANS MOSCOW VISIT EARLY AS NEXT MONTH. KEIDANREN OFFICIALS SAY SOVIET DEPUTY TRADE MINISTER IS CURRENTLY IN US NEGOTIATING FINANCIAL DETAILS OF YAKUTSK NATURAL GAS DEAL. TYUMEN OIL PROJECT APPEARS MORE COMPLICATED DUE TO RECENT SOVIET ACTION RAISING ASKING PRICE OF FOREIGN LOANS AND REDUCING AMOUNT OF PROMISED OIL.

12. JOC'S CULLISON, IN TOKYO, REPORTS JAPANESE LONGSHOREMEN CONTINUING THEIR REFUSAL TO HANDLE CARGO UNLOADING WORK AT 3 PORTS BETWEEN 9:30 PM

AND 8 AM, BUT STILL NO WORD FROM MANAGEMENT ABOUT RETURNING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSIONS.

13. SOUTH AFRICA'S COAL MEN HAVE SUCCESSFUL MISSION TO JAPAN FOR RENEGOTIATION OF BIG EXPORT CONTRACT (JOC).

14. JOC'S PENGRA, IN TOKYO, RELATES HOW JAPAN'S FOOD INDUSTRY -- PARTLY AS RESULT OF RECENT FINDINGS BY FARM STUDY TEAM IN CALIFORNIA PRODUCING REGIONS -- IS MOVING RAPIDLY THROUGH PRIVATE AND GOVT. CHANNELS TOWARD INSURING CONTINUITY AND SUFFICIENCY OF ITS FUTURE FOOD SOURCES.

THAILAND

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15. THANOM ARRIVES IN BOSTON WITH FAMILY (WP). IN BANGKOK, OFFICIALS SAY THEY WILL HAVE NEW CONSTITUTION READY IN 3 MONTHS, RATHER THAN 6 AS ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED (UPI PHINQ, WP, NYDN). NEW GOVT. ALSO ANNOUNCES IT WILL HOLD MASS CREMATION CEREMONY FOR MORE THAN 400 PERSONS KILLED DURING STREET CLASHES. UNIFORMED POLICE RETURNED TO DIRECTING TRAFFIC WEDNESDAY; BUT FEW VENTURED FROM STATIONS AND SOME OF THESE WERE ACCOMPANIED BY STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOR PROTECTION (UPI, PHINQ).

16. FROM BANGKOK, CSM'S SOUTHERLAND REPORTS THAT NARONG HAS EMERGED IN EYES OF STUDENTS AS CHIEF VILLAIN; RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, HE IS ACCUSED AS MAN WHO ORDERED TROOPS TO FIRE ON UNARMED DEMONSTRATORS. "NARONG SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME THE SYMBOL OF EVERYTHING THE STUDENTS DETESTED IN THE OLD REGIME."

CHINA

17. TRUDEAU LEFT HK FOR CANADA WEDNESDAY AFTER 3-HOUR STOP ON HIS WAY HOME FROM WEEK-LONG PRC VISIT (WP). AFP REPORTS CHINESE GIFT OF 8,000 TONS OF RICE AND CORN WAS OFFICIALLY HANDED OVER TO MALI WEDNESDAY TO HELP COUNTRY MEET FAMINE THREAT IN WAKE OF PROLONGED DROUGHT (WP).

18. SYNDICATED COLUMN OF DR. T. R. VAN DELLEN CALLS ATTENTION TO ARTICLE ENTITLED "MEDICINE IN MODERN CHINA," APPEARING IN JOURNAL OF AMERICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY. AUTHOR IS DR. TSUNG O. CHENG, WHO REVISITED CHINA LAST YEAR, 22 YEARS AFTER HE HAD LEFT IT. CHENG REPORTS CHINESE SUCCESS IN REJOINING SEVERED LIMBS AND IN ACUPUNCTUAL ANESTHESIA

(CHITRIB, NYDN).

KOREA

19. NK NEWS AGENCY REPORTS KIM IL SUNG HAS PERSONALLY INFORMED EGYPT AND SYRIA THAT NK WILL GIVE THEM MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN CURRENT MIDEAST STRUGGLE. MEETING EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN ENVOYS, KIM REAFFIRMED UNCLASSIFIED

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NK STAND ACTIVELY TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ARAB STRUGGLE AGAINST "COMMON ENEMY" (REUTER).

20. REPORTS IN SEOUL SAY ROK HOPES TO HAVE SECRET CONTACTS WITH NK IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK TO WORK TOWARD RESUMPTION OF TWO-KOREAS' POLITICAL TALKS, INTERRUPTED SINCE AUGUST (WP).

PHILIPPINES

21. AUTHORITIES URGE THAT RESIDENTS OF 2 CENTRAL LUZON PROVINCES MOVE TO HIGH GROUND TO ESCAPE FLOODING IN WAKE OF TYPHOON RUTH, THIRD TO HIT PHILS IN 2 WEEKS (UPI NYDN, WP).

22. NYT'S LELYVELD, IN BACOLOD, REPORTS THAT, TO CONSTERNATION OF MANY CONSERVATIVE BISHOPS, ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IS BECOMING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FOCUS OF RESISTANCE TO MARCOS'S MARTIAL-LAW GOVT. IN ITS MOST EXTREME FORM, THIS RESISTANCE IS EXPRESSED IN SUPPORT OF ARMED REVOLUTION; GOVT. RESPONSE WITH RAIDS AND DETENTIONS HAS ALARMED MUCH BROADER GROUP OF CATHOLICS THAN THOSE NOW IN ACTIVE OPPOSITION. PASTORAL LETTERS COMPLAIN OF "HARASSMENT" AND SUPPRESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. GOP'S CONCERN EASILY EXPLAINED: NEARLY 85 PERCENT OF FILIPINOS ARE CATHOLIC, AND IF CHURCH TOOK UNITED STAND AGAINST GOVT. IT WOULD BE FORMIDABLE FORCE. AMONG RECENT INCIDENTS AGGRAVATING TENSIONS BETWEEN CHURCH AND GOP, NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SECURITY AUTHORITY AGENTS RAIDED CONVENT IN DAVAO, SEARCHING NUNS' POSSESSIONS AND CHAPEL; IN TACLOBAN, 2 CONVENTS AND ONE PARISH CHURCH REPORTED RAIDED; IN SAN REMIGIO, ON PANAY, DUTCH PRIEST WAS ARRESTED AND CHURCH CLOSED. ONLY TENDENCY TO MILITANCY AMONG BISHOPS SAID TO COME FROM SMALL MINORITY OF YOUNGER MEN. HOWEVER, GIVEN CONSERVATIVE SENTIMENTS OF MAJORITY OF CHURCH, PASTORAL LETTER ISSUED THIS YEAR IN NAME OF ENTIRE HIERARCHY OF PHILS "WAS SURPRISINGLY TOUGH" ON GOP.

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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

23. LAT'S ELEGANT (OCT. 16) IN HONG KONG REFERS TO CHOU'S OCT. 11 TELEGRAM TO SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENTS EXTOLLING "JUST STUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF EGYPT, SYRIA AND PALESTINE". CONSISTENT WITH LONG-TERM CHINESE APPROACH, MESSAGE OFFERED "CONTINUING SUPPORT TO THOSE PEOPLE," RATHER THAN DIRECTLY TO THEIR GOVERNMENT. REFERS ALSO TO SHORT ENDORSEMENT OF ARAB CAUSE BY PRC FORMIN CHI PENG-FEI AND PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTARY, BOTH OF WHICH PUBLISHED OCT. 15. ATTRIBUTES SILENCE FOLLOWING THESE EXPRESSIONS TO PRC HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS, CITING CHINA SPECIALISTS AS BELIEVING THAT PEKING CONTEMPLATES ARAB SUCCESS IN ME WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM SINCE CHINESE PRACTICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL INTERESTS WOULD SUFFER. SPECIALISTS SAY SYRIAN VICTORY, HOWEVER UNLIKELY, WOULD GIVE USSR INORDINATE POWER IN ME AS SPONSOR OF VICTORY AND SOURCE OF FUTURE BENEFITS. ARAB VICTORY WOULD PRESUMABLY BE FOLLOWED BY REOPENING OF SUEZ AND EXPANSION OF SOVIET SEA POWER WITH CONCOMITANT ENHANCEMENT OF SOVIET POLITICAL POWER ALONG INDIAN OCEAN LITTORAL. ALSO, ARAB VICTORY WOULD GREATLY STRENGTHEN ESTABLISHED ME GOVERNMENTS AT EXPENSE OF PRC-BACKED LIBERATION MOVEMENT (PLO); MOVEMENT WOULD LOSE MUCH OF ITS IMPETUS IF ISRAEL WERE REMOVED AS A CASUS BELLI AND A CONSTANT IRRITANT. HENCE, NEITHER CHINA'S IDEOLOGICAL NOR HER NATIONAL INTEREST WOULD BE SERVED BY PEACE OR EVEN COOLING DOWN IN ME AS A RESULT OF ISRAEL'S REMOVAL. ELEGANT COMMENTS THAT CHINA IS FINDING THAT MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN WORLD AFFAIRS HAS BROUGHT A COOLING BREATH OF REALISM TO BEAR ON HER THINKING.

24. S-N (OCT. 12) REFERS TO PRC MOVE TO HAVE TAIWAN EXPELLED FROM IMF AND WORLD BANK AND SAYS TAIWAN CAN JUSTLY ARGUE THAT THE PEKING MANEUVER IS PART OF A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN TO ISOLATE TAIWAN, UNDERMINE ITS ECON RELATIONS, AND EVENTUALLY TO FORCE IT INTO UNION WITH MAINLAND. THE US SHOULD VIEW MANEUVER WITH CAUTION; NOTHING SHOULD BE AGREED WHICH UNDERCUTS UNCLASSIFIED

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US POLICY OF LONG-TERM PEACEFUL UNIFICATION BETWEEN TAIWAN AND MAINLAND. NOTES THAT SINCE VOTING IN BOTH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IS WEIGHTED ACCORDING TO EACH MEMBER'S CAPITAL SUBSCRIPTION, WASHINGTON IS IN FAR BETTER POSITION THAN UNGA TO PRESERVE ROLE FOR TAIWAN IN WORLD FINANCIAL COMMUNITY. IN THIS CONNECTION, S-N WONDERS WHETHER PEKING IS READY

TO BREAK ITS SECRECY AND ABIDE BY IMF RULES OF OPENNESS IN ITS ECON POLICIES, WHETHER IT WOULD TAKE PART IN INTERNATIONAL MONETARY REFORM AND IS READY TO JOIN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FINANCED BY THE WORLD BANK, AND WHETHER PEKING WOULD ASSUME 250 MILLION DEBT CURRENTLY OWED BY GRC TO WORLD BANK. WE SHOULD HAVE ANSWERS BEFORE REACHING DECISION ABOUT CHINESE INTENTIONS TOWARD THESE INSTITUTIONS WHICH ARE RUN BY RULES OF CAPITALISM.

25. S-N (OCT. 17) COMMENTS THAT NO ONE IS MORE DEDICATED TO PEACE THAN HAK, BUT HIS SELECTION FOR NOBEL PRIZE COMES AS PLEASANT SURPRISE. FINDS IT IRONICAL THAT ANNOUNCEMENT COMES AT TIME WHEN NEW CONFLAGRATION HAS BROKEN OUT IN THE ME THAT THREATENS TO UNDO MUCH OF HIS WORK. GLOBE (OCT. 17) SEES INCONGRUITY IN AWARDED PEACE PRIZE WHEN THERE IS NO PEACE.

26. S-N'S BETTY BEALE (OCT. 17) REPORTS INTERVIEW WITH MRS. BRUCE, CENTERED FOR MOST PART AROUND DECORATING PLANS FOR USLO'S COMPLEX EDIFICE, HER DAILY ACTIVITIES IN PEKING, ETC. COMMENTS FAVORABLY ON ENTHUSIASM AND DISCIPLINE OF POPULACE.

27. SUN'S JANE HOWARD INTERVIEWS WESTINGHOUSE BROADCASTING'S PAUL STEINLE AND PEGGY PRINTZ, PRODUCERS OF TV DOCUMENTARY TITLED "COMMUNE" (TO BE SHOWN OCT. 20 ON CHANNEL 13). LOCALE OF DOCUMENTARY IS KWANG LI, KWANGTUNG COMMUNE OF 43,000 PEOPLE. STEINLE CHARACTERIZES "COMMUNE" AS MORE AN ADMINISTRATIVE IDEA THAN A WORKING GROUP, SAYING "ORIGINALLY IT'S A NATURAL MARKET COMMUNITY. IT'S REALLY A NEW NAME FOR SOMETHING VERY OLD." VIEWS AS AN UNFORTUNATE UNCLASSIFIED

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ASPECT FACT THAT THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNE IS NOW WELL-MECHANIZED.

28. WP'S MARDER COVERS CONTROVERSY OVER AWARD OF NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. DISCLOSES THAT TWO OF FIVE MEMBERS OF NOBEL COMMITTEE WERE REPORTED IN STRONG DISAGREEMENT OVER AWARD DECISION, AND TOP LEADERSHIP OF RULING NORWEGIAN LABOR PARTY DEPLORED CHOICES IN RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AFTER FIVE MINUTES OF DEBATE. MARDER ASSERTS THAT SOME CONTROVERSY OVER PEACE AWARDS IS NOT UNUSUAL, BUT OBSERVES THAT IN PRESENT INSTANCE THE SHARED AWARD PRODUCED EXCEPTIONAL OUTBURSTS REFLECTING VOLATILE, POLARIZED ATTITUDES ON CONTINUING VN WAR. CITES GVN SPOKESMAN BUI BAO TRUC AS SAYING THAT GIVING THE PRIZE TO LE DUC THO IS LIKE CONFERRING "CHASITTY"

TITLE ON "A PROSTITUTE OR A PIMP". HAK IS RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS FROM MANY WORLD PERSONALITIES, BUT FORMER HARVARD COLLEAGUES EXPRESS SHARPLY DIVIDED VIEWS. REISCHAUER SAYS "I DON'T THINK ANYONE SHOULD BE GETTING A NOBEL PRIZE OVER VIETNAM. THEY ARE STILL FIGHTING. KISSINGER AND LE DUC THO TOGETHER - IT'S ALMOST ABSURD," BUT THINKS HAK IS DESERVING OF PRAISE AND AN AWARD FOR DEVELOPING DETENTE WITH CHINA AND USSR. YARMOLINSKY AND KISTIAKOWSKY ARE CRITICAL, BUT GALBRAITH AND GOLDMAN LAUD HAK'S SELECTION. MARDER NOTES AP REPORT THAT NVN OFFICIAL INITIALLY EXCLAIMED "THAT'S MARVELOUS" WHEN HE HEARD AWARD NEWS OCT 15, BUT CHANGED DIRECTIONS OCT 17 WHEN HE SAID "I WOULD BE VERY SURPRISED IF LE DUC THO ACCEPTS THE PRIZE." AP PARIS REPORTS (CHITRIB) THE NVN OFFICIAL AS EXPRESSING PERSONAL OPINION, ADDING THAT AWARD WAS PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE BECAUSE IT PLACES THO AND HAK ON SAME PLANE AS PEACEMAKERS. PHINQ REMARKS THAT DUAL SELECTIONS OF HAK AND THO ARE QUESTIONABLE ON NUMBER OF GROUNDS, BUT EXPRESSES BELIEF THAT THERE IS MUCH TO BE SAID IN FAVOR OF TANDEM CHOICE. WP NOTES THAT IN PAST NOBEL PRIZE WENT TO THOSE WHOSE DEVOTION TO THE BROAD IDEALS OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SERVICE WAS BEYOND CAVIL; UNCLASSIFIED

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NOW IT HAS GONE TO TWO MEN NOT SO MUCH FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO BROAD IDEALS AS FOR THEIR PRACTICE OF DIPLOMACY IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STATE INTERESTS. RECALLING MILITARY SITUATION WHICH FINALLY SET DIPLOMATIC STAGE FOR JANUARY AGREEMENT, WP CONCLUDES THAT "CROWNING THE DIPLOMATIC DENOUEMENT OF AN ADMITTEDLY 'GRUESOME WAR' (IN THE WORDS OF THE CITATION) WITH A NOBLE PEACE PRIZE IS, AT BEST, BIZARRE."

29. WSJ EXPRESSES VIEW THAT HAK QUALIFIES AS PEACEMAKER, OBSERVING THAT IN THE REAL WORLD PEACE AND THE RESTORATION OF PEACE OFTEN DEPENDS ON MORE THAN CONDEMNATION OF WAR. IT DEPENDS ON STATESMEN WHO ARE PREPARED TO COUNTER AGGRESSION EVEN AS THEY SEEK AN HONORABLE END TO CONFLICT.

30. NYT ANTICIPATES DRASTIC ADJUSTMENT IN THAILAND'S LONG-STANDING CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH US FOLLOWING THANOM OUSTER. INDICATES THAT ADJUSTMENT SEEMED INEVITABLE EVER SINCE US FORCES BEGAN WITHDRAWING FROM INDOCHINA AND SINCE THAIS HAVE TRADITIONALLY ATTUNED THEIR ALLEGIANCES TO POWER REALITIES IN THEIR REGION. ACCORDINGLY, NYT EXPECTS NEW CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT WILL ACCELERATE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE

RECONCILIATION WITH CHINA AND SPEED UP "RECENTLY
INTERRUPTED" WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES FROM THAILAND.
COMMENTS THAT IT WILL NOT BE EASY FOR NEW PREMIER
TO ESTABLISH GENUINE CIVILIAN RULE OR DELIVER
PROMISED DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION SINCE MILITARY ELITE
HAS ALWAYS MANAGED TO RETAIN REAL POWER IN
FACE OF REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO INTRODUCE EFFECTIVE
PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT. BUT SURPRISING SHOW OF
STRENGTH BY STUDENTS IS A WARNING TO MILITARY OF
THAILAND - AND MILITARY REGIMES ELSEWHERE - THAT
EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS RISING PRESSURES FOR MORE
POPULAR RULE CANNOT SUCCEED FOREVER. KISSINGER

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